"The Hindustan Times" dated 8th November, 1994. caption "Vedic teachings in health care stressed", at the first interdisciplinary academic conference held on October 28 and 29, 1994 in Columbia University discussing specifically on contribution from India's three and half millannia of scientific tradition and achievements:

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating number of participants from India and elsewhere:

(c) whether the above conference had achieved any major steps towards changing prevailing perspectives about health care and medicines as suggested in Vedas; and

(d) Government's reaction thereto and contribution that is likely to be made in near future both in India and abroad?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Spread of falciparum Malaria

2275. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of malaria registered in the country in the last three years with State-wise break-up;

(b) what is the number of cases which belong to plasmodium falciparum in the last three years with State-wise break-up;

(c) what is the response of the Ministry to the widespread Press Report about the massive incidents of malaria and specifically the dreaded Falciparum variety in Western Rajasthan;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Standing Committee on Human Resource Development had severely reprimanded the Health Ministry for the weaknesses in the National Malaria Eradication Programme consecutively for two years; and

(e) what action has been taken by Government in rectifying the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) A Statement is given as Annexure [*See* Appendix 172, Annexure No 52].

(c) During September/October, 1994 there was an increase in Malaria and P. falciparum cases in Western Rajasthan which has been brought under control,

(d) and (e) No, Sir. The Committee made certain observations relating to increasing allocations for malaria control need to intensify control measures in tribal areas and deal with Kala-azar in Bihar. Measures have been initiated to achieve these goals.

Emergency night services in CGHS Dispensaries

2276. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether emergency night services in some of the CGHS dispensaries have been stopped; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The emergency night services have been discontinued only in CGHS dispensary at Faridabad due to repeated requests from the Area Welfare Officer of that dispensary.

Strike by Doctors of Sucheta Kriplani and Kalawati Saran Hospitals of New Delhi

2277. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to stae:

(a) whether it is a fact that the doctors including the resident doctors at Sucheta Kriplani Hospital and Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital in the capital went suddenly on a protest strike on the 10th November, 1994, alleging that a number of doctors among them have had contracted viral hepatitis;

(b) whether Government have conducted any inquiry into the said allegations of the doctors and if so, the findnigs thereof;

(c) specific steps, if any, taken to prevent recurrence of break out of infectious diseases in the Government hospitals in particular, in future;

(d) whether it is a fact that owing to the doctors strike in Sucheta Kriplani and Kalawati Saran Hospitals of New Delhi, patients in large number in both the hospitals were forced to leave the hospitals;

(e) if so, the number of patients, who were forced to leave, their respective age and ailments of each of them for treatment of which they had been admitted in the hospitals; and

(f) arrangements if any, made for continuity of medical care for them?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The Hospital

authorities conducted an inquiry and found that the resident doctors and some mess workers, utilising one kitchen only were affected by viral hepatitis. According to epidemiological investigations, the source of the epidemic was introduced into the mess nearly 3 to 4 weeks prior to the cases reported. The water in Sintex tanks was misused by mess workers which led to the contamination of water.

(c) 1. New Sintex tanks have been provided in the Residents hostel. Aquaguard water filters have been fitted in all the drinking water sources in the various hostels.

2. Periodic water testing.

3. Chlorination of water.

4. Cleaning of the underground, overhead tanks and storage tanks.

5. Augmentation of water supply from NDMC has below done by providing new water connection.

6. Replacement of old pipelines and installation of two tubewells have been entrusted to CPWD.

(d) Only those patients who were fit to go home were discharged.

(e) and (f) Does not arise.

Operations for eye transplantation in Dr. R. P. Centre, AIIMS, New Delhi

2278. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the name-wise and Registration-wise details of "Top Priority List" children below the age of 10 years who have been registered with the National Eye Bank of Dr. R. P. Centre, AIIMS, New Delhi for replacement of original eye since January, 1993 till date;

(b) what is the number of "Top Priority List" children who had undergone for replacement of eye in the month of October, 1993 and the number of children who are not quite well after the replacement of original eye and whether Government propose to recall to those children who had lost their eye-sight after the said operation;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that all these operations cases were conducted by Jr. doctors and neither any Sr. doctor nor any Professor took part in the cases of eye replacement particularly in the cases of poor families;

(e) if so, whether Government would issue necessary directions to the concerned authorities in the matters of eye replacement operation of children that Sr. Doctors and Professors would also take part; and

(f) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Modification in the scheme 'R' for Quality Specifications of Condoms

2279. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the sources from whom condoms are purchased/obtained by Government for the Family Planning Programme;

(b) whether any periodical test of the condoms is made to check their conformity with the laid down specifications, if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government propose modifications of Schedule 'R' to the quality specifications of condoms recommended by the World Health Oragnisation; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof stating when the revised and modified Schedule 'R' is likely to be notified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Condoms for the National Family Welfare Programme are procured by the Government from M/s. Hindustan Latex Ltd. Thiruvananthapuram, a Central Public Sector undertaking and also from a number of private sector indigenous manufacturers.

(b) Random samples drawn from batches offered by the manufacturers are tested at approved laboratories to establish their conformity to the specifications contained in the Schedule 'R' of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945. These laboratories also check their conformity to certain WHO specifications.

(c) and (d) A draft notification for revising the Schedule 'R' of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945, by incorporating the specifications recommended by WHO has already been published. Steps have been initiated to publish the final notification after considering the comments received on the draft rules.

Allocation of funds to Andhra Pradesh for the programme "Health for all by 2000 AD"

2280. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested an increased budget